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JULY NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Summer is finally here. We have had a few hot days on the west side of the state. Generally it's been very comfortable weather. For those of you planning to test or work your dog(s) in the central or eastern part of the state, be sure you and your dogs stay hydrated and cool. Heat stroke can be fatal to both you and your dogs. We don't want to lose any of you. Be aware of the symptoms and act accordingly. The club's Team Shoot is coming up on July 13 and 14 at Rich and Linda Galetti's place in Yoncalla. Be sure to RSVP to Betty if you are coming for one or both days. Let Betty know if you are planning to camp on the property, so space can be determined and available. The 13th will be a short training day; please note the club will not be having birds for this activity. Bring your own birds if you wish, be sure you have the Oregon Bird Release Permit on your person. No alcohol to be consumed until after 5pm. There will be a potluck on Saturday evening, the club is supplying the main dish, so salads, veggie tray, desserts, tater or macaroni salad, baked beans, or your favorite side dish are requested.

We are looking for someone to volunteer to haul the equipment trailer from Yoncalla to Justin's place in Springfield at the end of the event on Sunday. Let me or Betty know if you are available to haul the trailer. Last event of the year will be Sunday Aug 11, Super Bowl and 10 Singles event. This will be held at Jerry Patopea's training property in Junction City. More info will be upcoming on this event.



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JULY TWO DAY EVENT

Location:
The Galetti's Property
436 Old Applegate Rd.
Yoncalla, OR 97499



Please RSVP asap to Betty Pellham at bjpellham@aol.com; please put July Event RSVP in the subject line or call 541-609-8340. We would like to know that you are coming so we get an idea of how many members will be attending the potluck. Also RSVP a camping spot if you plan on camping. No arrivals before 9 am Saturday, blanks only for Saturday's optional training day and the club is not providing birds on Saturday for training. No open flames will be allowed. No smoking unless in vehicle or trailer. No alcohol on Saturday until happy hour at 5 pm, no alcohol on Sunday until the last brace is run. Spent shells need to be picked up. There will be a potluck Saturday night at 6 pm with the club providing pulled pork sandwiches and brats. We will not be shooting any trap targets this year. Please bring your own shotgun and ammunition if you have one for this event. It does not matter the action. The club will still have volunteer gunners.

The team shoot is a friendly hunting day scenario. It is scored and prizes are offered to the top 4 teams. 12 minute braces will be ran for each two person team. Teams are chosen randomly that have registered for the event. Pointers and Retrievers may work together. Each team with their dogs hunts quail for 12 minutes (brace). 6 birds are placed in the field for the 1st brace with 4 additional birds placed for each brace thereafter. You may shoot for yourself or have a gunner. You must have a current hunting license if you are shooting. Each shooter may only carry 3 shells into the field. Scoring is as follows:

- 20 points per bird shot and retrieved.
It is ok if dog scoops the bird without a shot being fired. It still counts as 1 shot.
- 1 point for each ½ minute not used.
- 3 pts for each shell not used. (3 shells allowed per team member).
- Shooting or retrieving 5 birds is a disqualification.
- A team member who shoots 4 birds without getting a shell from the other handler is disqualified.

- An attempt to flush must be made by the pointing dogs.

Scoring Examples:

1. A team shoots 3 birds in 12 minutes and uses 5 shells. The score would be as follows:
 - 20pts/bird 3x20=60 pts • 3pts/shell not used 1x3= 3 pts • No pts for time. • Total Pts: 63
2. 4 birds shot using 4 shells in 6 minutes:
 - 80 pts for birds • 6 pts for shell not used
 - 12 pts for 6 minutes left over = 98 pts

Directions:

Going I-5 South: Take exit 154. Turn left at the stop sign to Yoncalla. Stay to the right at the Y onto Elk Head Road. Go 3.6 miles. Turn right at the stop sign onto Eagle Valley Road. Turn right onto Halo Trail Road 0.7 miles. Turn left onto Old Applegate Road 0.5 miles. Destination will be on the left at 0.2 miles. Look for the GVHRC dog sign.

Saturday, July 13th, 2019

Optional Training Day: no arrivals before 9 am.

Happy Hour at 5 pm.

Potluck at 6 pm. Please bring a side dish. Non alcoholic drinks for sale.

Sunday, July 14th, 2019 Team Shoot

Registration and Set-up: 7:30 am

Start time: 8:00 am

What to Bring: Lunch, Chair, Boots (wet, muddy fields), Rain Gear, Gloves, Hunter Orange to wear in the field, Safety glasses, Gun (#8 shot), Hunting License, Stakeout Chain or Kennel, Water, Whistle, Pinch Collar, Leash, Check Cord, Dog Treats, Place Boards if you have them. And of course your dog!

Questions? Contact Dave Carey at nohere44@gmail.com

EVENT FEES:

All PUPPIES,
POINTERS,
FLUSHERS,
RETRIEVERS.
\$30 FOR EACH DOG.

Along with checks and cash, the club is accepting credit card payments at the events.



Save this Green Valley Hunting & Retriever training date:

August 11th—Superbowl/10 Singles Event
Jerry Petopia's Property—Junction City

MAY BOARD NOTES

GVHRC Board Meeting Minutes- May 9th, 2019

Members in attendance: Dave Carey, Todd Wheeler, Steve Arms, Betty Pellham, John Connell, Justin Weaver, Colleen Evers, Lacy Sayre, Dan Hagen, Julie Mahoney, and Karissa Sampson.

The minutes from March meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Justin Weaver gave the treasurer's report.

Puppy Class- Five pointers and two retrievers attended. Dan Hagen worked the basics. No testing was done.

Intermediate Class- Eight dogs/seven handlers total. Nik Bastinelli trained backing, heeling, whoa, bumpers, and swapping handlers. Steve would like to thank Nik Bastinelli and Dan Hagen for helping him out in his absence.

Amateur and Open Class- Eleven braces-twenty two dogs total. The board would like to thank all those members who stepped up to the plate and helped out volunteering their time with set-up, picking up birds, registration, setting up the running order, bird planting, timers, judging, and gunning. The board would like to give a big thank you to Kevin Beat for bringing his two quads and gunning for the club event. Kevin also gunned on the pointer side and didn't miss a bird all day. We rocked it!

Retrievers- Eleven dogs with a mix of intermediate and advanced worked together. Retrievers worked water first with bumpers then switched to land last with ducks. Improvement is being made by all.

New Business- Team Shoot at Rich and Linda Galetti's, date is July 13th-14th. We have a go for camping with an RSVP. No open flame. No trap targets will be shot this year. We can set-up by the house for the potluck dinner on Saturday evening. Social hour starts at 5 pm with dinner to follow at 6 pm.

Shotgun Shoot- The board is looking to schedule a June 23rd shotgun shoot at Emerald Empire Club. Jim Wiota to set up with more details to follow.

Club Shotguns- One shotgun has been set aside and marked for repair. We are in the process of seeking out a gunsmith.

Captain of the Guns- We need a volunteer for Captain of the Guns. The Captain of the Guns cleans and stores three shotguns and brings to the monthly events.

Suggestion Box- A suggestion was submitted to the suggestion box to have more drills that help handlers to train them to train their dog on the retriever side.

Bird Pick-Up- Kolton Kuhns volunteered to pick up birds for the June event from Valley Quail in Sweet Home. The club will reimburse for the fuel - \$ 50.00 flat fee. Volunteers will be needed to pick up birds for future upcoming events.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday June 13th 2019 at Countryside Pizza start time 6 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 pm

UNUSED BIRDS AT THE END OF THE EVENT WILL BE FOR SALE at \$ 9.00 each, with preference to those club members who volunteered setting up first. Sign up sheet will be at the registration desk. So bring cash if you need birds. You must bring your own cage, box or carrier for transport.

DON'T FORGET IF YOU ARE TRAINING DOGS AND RELEASING BIRDS ON YOUR OWN YOU WILL NEED THIS PERMIT!

ODFW 2019 Game Bird Release Permit for Hunting Dog and Raptor Training

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/dog_training/docs/Game_Bird_Training_Permit.pdf

Green Valley Hunting and Retriever Club links and resources below.

www.gvhrc.com

Green Valley Hunting and Retriever Club is on Facebook

New we now are on Instagram at Green Valley HRC

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JUNE BOARD NOTES

GVHRC Board Meeting Minutes- June 13th, 2019

Members in attendance: Dave Carey, Todd Wheeler, Steve Arms, Betty Pellham, John Connell, Justin Weaver, Colleen Evers, Lacy Sayre, Vickey Guess, Ivan Mombert, Joan Kelly, John McIrvin, and Mindy Shank.

The minutes from May meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Justin Weaver gave the treasurer's report.

Puppy Class- Ten to eleven puppies did yard work and bird work. Worked in some cap gun fire at a distance and all puppies did very well with it.

Intermediate Class- Four handlers with seven dogs. One handler had multiple dogs. Worked yard work stuff like whoas and launched birds and making the dogs stand.

Amateur and Open Class-Two braces of Amateur/six braces of Open with sixteen dogs total. There was a discussion to clarify that only one person is to be looking for the bird. Either the gunner puts up the bird or the handler. A handler should not be pointing out the bird for the gunner if the gunner is to put up the bird. A gunner should not be looking for the bird if the handler is putting up the bird. Lots of left over birds were sold for \$ 6.00 a bird leaving Mindy with thirteen birds to take home for sale at \$ 6.00 a bird.

Retrievers- Six Intermediate/eight Advanced. Fourteen dogs total. Retrievers worked pile work, no-no drills, and then a water test was run. Dogs did very well.

New Business- Team Shoot at Rich and Linda Galetti's date is July 13th-14th. We have a go for camping with an RSVP. No open flame. No trap targets will be shot this year. Please bring your shotgun and ammunition; it does not matter the action of the gun. We can set up by the house for the potluck dinner on Saturday evening. Social hour starts at 5 pm with dinner to follow at 6 pm. The club to provide pulled pork and brats. We will have placements for four teams. Awards were finalized. Event fee will be \$30.00 per dog.

Shotgun Shoot- There will be no shotgun shoot at Emerald Empire Club in June. EEGC was holding a pistol event at the adjoining range and it would have been pretty hard for the person throwing the birds to hear when the person called for the bird to be thrown. It was decided to cancel the event. The board would like to send out an email and see if there is any interest in holding the Shotgun Shoot in September.

Social Media- Cheri Wilson moved out of town and is unable to fulfill her duties. Kolton Kuhns has volunteered to step into the role and be our new social media specialist.

HRC Debrief- Dave Carey gave a debrief on our annual HRC Hunt Test. Dave to send Betty an email for the newsletter on the brief.

Super Bowl/Ten Singles August 11th- Looking for two judges for the pointer side.

Old Business- Club shotguns- One shotgun has been set aside and marked for repair. We are in the process of seeking out a gunsmith.

Captain of the Guns- Thanks to John Connell for stepping up and volunteering to be our Captain of the Guns.

Bird Pick-Up- We will need a volunteer to pick up birds for the July event from Valley Quail in Sweet Home. The club will reimburse for the fuel - \$ 50.00 flat fee. Volunteers will be needed to pick up birds for future upcoming events.

Swag-We got a bunch of hats in. We are in the process of ordering some more. Need updated prices and put in newsletter.

HRC New Regulation Update- Camouflage clothing required for all hunt test handlers.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday July 18th 2019 at Countryside Pizza start time 6 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 pm



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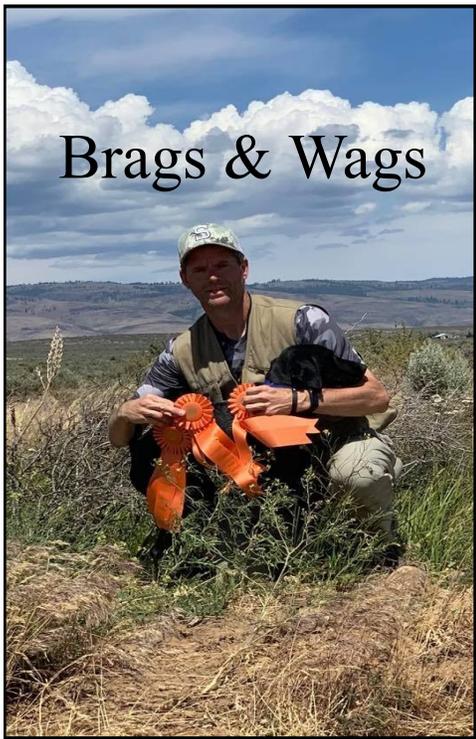
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Pictured to the right is Matt Victor and Tess getting it done AKC Junior Hunter Test style with three passes. Finishing Tess with a AKC Junior Hunter Title at the age of nine months.

Matt and Tess also ran a NAVHDA Natural Ability test and earned a prize II in Madras, OR.



Pictured to the left is Gloria Platz and her Vizsla Kaza who did very well in the Open 18 month and over at the Canby Clackamas Kennel Club Conformation Dog Show in June bringing home a blue ribbon.

Way to put it all together and make it happen!

June Training Results

Pointers

Pointer Puppies:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 1. Kirsten Brenner/
Levi Brenner | Freda | Poodle Pointer |
| 2. Kayla Ivy | Dusky | Drahthaar |
| 3. Alan Patakey | Finn | GWP |
| 4. N/A | N/A | N/A |

Amateur Pointers:

- | | | |
|-------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. Betty Pellham | Cowboy | GSP |
| 2. Mindy Shank | Echo | GSP |
| 3. Josh Jolicoeur | Oakley | French Brittany |
| 4. Gloria Platz | Kaza | Vizsla |

Open Pointers:

- | | | |
|------------------|----------|--------|
| 1. Gloria Platz | Bravo | Vizsla |
| 2. Mindy Shank | Harper | GSP |
| 3. Rocky Caniano | Ella May | GSP |
| 4. John Connell | Jake | GSP |

Retrievers

Retriever Puppies:

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|-----------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 1. Rich Wilfong | Riley | English Springer Spaniel |
|-----------------|-------|--------------------------|

Retriever Intermediate:

- | | | |
|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| 1. Steve Akehurst | Whiskey | Golden Retriever |
| 2. Dave Bianelana | Callie | Labrador |
| 3. Kolton Kuhns | Remi | Golden Retriever |
| 4. Joan Kelly | Faulan | Labrador |

Retriever Advanced:

- | | | |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. Brad Fenton | Tater | Labrador |
| 2. Ivan Mombert | Lucy | Labrador |
| 3. Rocky Caniano | Ella May | GSP |
| 4. Steve Akers | Zoe | Labrador |
| Brandon Baker | Penny | Labrador |

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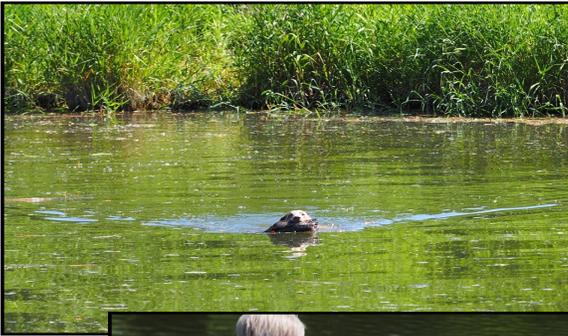
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Pictured to the right is Allan Thompson and Tess relaxing at a NAVHDA event.

Photo credit to Cynthia Trowbridge.



Team Spencer



Team Thompson

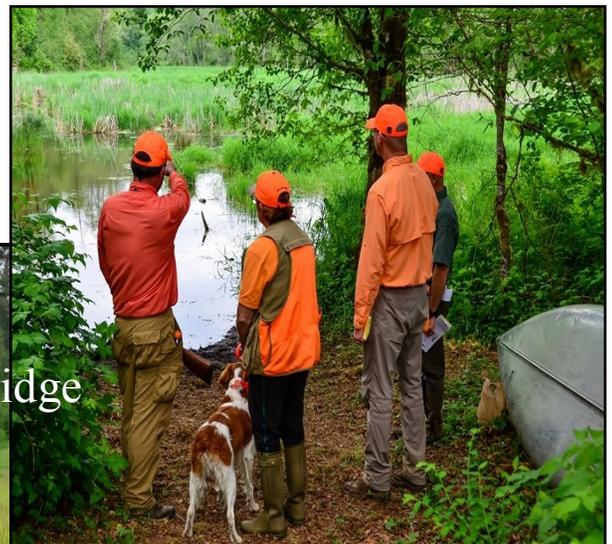
Pictured to the left is Allan Thompson and Tess getting ready to do duck drag work.

Photo credit to Cynthia Trowbridge.

Pictures above are Carmen Spencer and Hunter, one of her many Wiemaraners who love to train. Carmen participates in many different types of events like AKC Field Trials, AKC Hunt Tests, Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Trick Dog, Scent Work, NACSW Nose Work, HRC Hunt Tests, NAVHDA Natural Ability/Utility, and Conformation. She wears a hat of many talents! I don't know how she does it but she does it very well and then some!

Photo credit to Cynthia Trowbridge for the two pictures above.

NAVHDA



Team Trowbridge

Pictured to right is Cynthia Trowbridge and Loki (an Epagneul Breton, aka French Brittany). Loki is steady on his birds and a great listener when it comes time to do the duck search.

Pictures submitted by Cynthia Trowbridge.

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Board Members

In the Spotlight

Meet our President Dave Carey

I am David Carey, currently the President of the Green Valley HRC. For some crazy reason I volunteered to be President for 2 years. I'm also the Retriever Training Coordinator and Hunt Test Chairman for our Hunting Retriever Club annual hunt test. As President, I help guide the activities of the club, lead the board meetings and future activities, and work with the board to resolve issues. And try my best to delegate to others on the board. As training coordinator, I work with all Retrievers and yes that includes Pointers as well. From beginning to advanced retrieving. What ever level you want attain, we can help you get there. I have two labs currently, Rio who is 10 years old and is an AKC Master Hunter and UKC Hunting Retriever Champion. My second dog is Frank who is 21 months old and is getting ready to start in HRC Seasoned; he has one AKC Junior pass. I enjoy training dogs and helping others get the most out of their dogs and themselves, as this is a team sport. I have been a member this go around for about 5 years and was a previous member for a couple of years when I had a Chesapeake Bay Retriever. I will continue to be on the board after this year ends and pass the imaginary gavel to Todd at the year end banquet. I have always been a big proponent for training, and like to use the hunt testing as away to measure the success of my training. The hunt test environment is almost impossible to simulate with any success. It will let you know if there are any shortfalls or holes in your training very quickly, sometimes even embarrassing yourself in front of the gallery. On my first hunt test with Rio in HRC Started, our water test was ok, he swam out picked up the two single retrieves and made it back to the line with the bird. Me thinking we got this because we had not done a lot of water work. After lunch we wait our turn for the land test of two single retrieves. We get to the line and the first bird goes down, I release Rio and he goes out directly to the area of the fall, finds and picks up the bird, here he comes, 10 yards from the line he makes a sharp left turn and proceeds to parade with the duck in his mouth back and forth. No amount of recall whistles, here, walking backwards, anything else or the suggestions from the judges would persuade Rio back to the line. Finally had to go out and pick him up. Needless to say the gapping hole was obvious, much training later we did accomplish a big goals of Master Hunter and Hunting Retriever Champion. He is now retired.



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Large Wide Flat Collars \$2.
Bumpers Small \$5.
Bumpers Large \$10.
30' Yellow Check Cord \$20.
Orange Check Cord \$15.
Whistle Lanyard– Double \$10.
Roy Gonia Whistle \$5.
Other Whistles Styles \$3-9.
Red Clickers \$2.
Denim Button-up \$20.
T-Shirts (XL, 2XL) \$10.
Hats \$15.
Mugs \$5.
Safety Glasses \$1.
Orange T-Shirts \$10.
Place Boards \$20.
Camo T-Shirts \$15.



Gun Safety Policy

Pump and auto load shotguns are not allowed at club events. The club has break action shotguns for use or you can ask for a gunner.

Any member found to be handling a gun in an unsafe manner or shooting into a safety zone will be immediately disqualified from competition and will lose his/her gunning privileges for any other club events. Once revoked, gunning privileges may be reinstated after the member provides the Board with proof of completion of an approved Hunter Safety Course and/or at the board's discretion.

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO GUN OR BE A GUNNER FOR SOMEONE ELSE MUST HAVE A VALID HUNTING LICENSE.

No live gun ammunition is permitted after club events.

Helpful training links: Knowing your rules and regulations sets your team up for success!

Link to AKC Pointing Hunt Test Rules: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RHTPNT.pdf>

Link to AKC Retriever Hunt Test Rules: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RHTRET.pdf>

Link to AKC Pointing Field Trial rules: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RFTPNT.pdf>

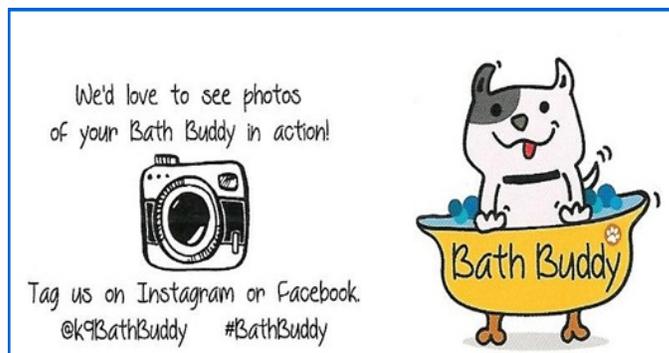
Link to AKC Retriever Field Trial rules: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RFTRET.pdf>

Link to NSTRA: <http://nstrablob.blob.core.windows.net/media/1186/text-rule-book-july-2014.pdf>

Link to NAVHDA: https://www.navhda.org/sites/www.navhda.org/files/assets/RulesBook_Rev_8_18.pdf

UKC/ HRC Hunt test rules: <http://huntingretrieverclub.org/PDF/2017-hunting-retriever-rulebook.pdf>

Link to UKC Pointing Dog Rulebook: <https://www.ukcdogs.com/docs/hunting/pointing-dog-rulebook.pdf>



TRAINING/TRIALING DOGS IN HOT WEATHER

Heat related issues, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, are 100% preventable. We all have a role in keeping our dogs safe and so that we can continue to enjoy running them.

OWNERS/HANDLERS

Prior to a field trial (1-2 months)

- Get your dog in shape prior to the trial.
 - o Dogs that are physically fit & not overweight are less prone to heat related issues.
- Acclimate your dog to hot weather slowly in training.

Come to training & trials prepared

- **Bring lots of water.** 1 dog = bring **3-5 gallons¹** of water
- Bring **multiple water bottles** for watering the dogs in the field.
- Have **fans** in the truck/car for the dogs. Bring extra batteries if needed.
- Use **crates** that allow for **good ventilation**.
- Consider having **glucose** (or something) available for before and after the dog runs.
- Have a medical kit with a rectal thermometer and alcohol wipes.
- Bring dog towels.

Trial day:

- **Hydrate** your dog both day before and day of the trial.
- Pay attention to where you **park** and **the sun** and remember that the sun changes direction throughout the day.
- Make sure your dog is **crated** in a **well ventilated** space.
- Consider the environmental risk factors and come up with a plan BEFORE going into the field. (See Hot Weather-Heat Stroke in Dogs)

In the field:

- **Have water** with you & utilize dunk tanks along the way.
- **Be aware of long or tricky retrieves.** Have a plan formulated a head of time. For example, if you have to handle on a retrieve, limit yourself to one 'back'. If the dog is successful, great, if not, pick them up.
- **Be aware of changes in your dog's pattern, behavior, and breathing.**
 - o A dog that is panting excessively and has its tongue hanging out is trying to cool himself down, not find a bird.
 - o A dog that is stumbling and staggering is in real trouble.
- Optional: Glucose can be give pre and post-run, particularly if the run is strenuous. Do not give a dog having a heat related crisis glucose unless supervised by a vet.

¹ Just trying to come up with a reasonable target for people to go by

TRAINING/TRIALING DOGS IN HOT WEATHER

FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEES

If the environmental/weather related factors have historically made a trial a 'high risk' trial consider the following:

Pre-trial preparations:

- Event premium:
 - o Leave room in how you word the premium to allow for some format flexibility...i.e. starting early, skipping lunch
- Gather email addresses so any changes can be communicated as early as possible.
- Have directions for the emergency vet printed and available at the trial.

Equipment:

- Dunk tanks- Placed at each end of the course and every 4-6 flags² in between.
- ATV/Shuttle - Consider having a gators/shuttle on site that can get dogs out of the field quickly.
- Have extra ice and a nearby tub of water to treat dogs with a temp LESS than 105.8°F
- Club medical kit - Have a rectal thermometer and alcohol wipes in the club medical kit.

Other:

- Having a vet on premise that can administer IV solutions and meds quickly is the most effective way to help dogs in trouble.
- Discuss the trial conditions with the judges & gunners.

JUDGES & GUNNERS

From Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Spaniels.

- Judges have the latitude to intervene if they deem a dog unfit (for any reason).
- The decision of the Judges is final in all matters relating to the field trial performance of the dog.

Observations:³

- A judge is in a position to help the handler assess both the dog and trial the situation more objectively than the handler alone can (especially in the amateur). Therefore some communication between gunners, judges and handlers about a dog's condition is helpful.
- When a judges sees (or is made aware) that a dog's condition is deteriorating they should confirm that the handler is also aware of this.
- A handler that *knowingly* continues to run a dog with obvious signs of heat stroke, a wobbly gait, excessive panting, or that has collapsed, should not be rewarded with a placement.

² Trying to come up with a reasonable standard rule of thumb for 'high risk' trials

³ These suggested course of conduct based on my observations and personal experiences at hot field trials. .

HEAT STROKE

Hyperthermia or heat stroke occurs when a dog's internal temperature overcomes the dog's natural ability to dissipate the heat. A dog's normal temperature is typically 101.5°F to 102.5°F. When a dog's body temperature reaches 105.8°F permanent injury or death can result. **THE DEGREE OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY HEAT STROKE IS DETERMINED BY HOW HIGH THE CORE BODY TEMPERATURE IS AND FOR HOW LONG.**

ENVIRONMENTAL/WEATHER RISK FACTORS

BEFORE going out into the field decide how to handle tricky trial situations and/or how to adapt the training plan based on the presence of the environmental risk factors below.

Temperature:	When the outside temperature between 75°F and 80°F there is an elevated risk of heat related issues. When the temperature reaches 86°F and above dogs aren't able to cool themselves efficiently. (See the appendix).
Humidity:	Extra environmental moisture, like humid air and wet fields reduce a dog's ability to regulate their temperature.
Air movement:	Static air puts dogs at a greater risk of heat related illnesses.
Field Cover:	The thicker the cover, the harder a dog has to work and the hotter they will get.

SIGNS OF HEAT RELATED ILLNESS IN DOGS

Some of the most common signs of heat related issues that we see in the field are below:

WATCH FOR SIGNS OF HEAT EXHAUSTION

Watch the tongue	As the dog gets hotter, the tongue hangs further out of the mouth in an effort to expel more heat.
Watch the gait	A dog in danger will start missing steps and become uncoordinated.
Watch the eyes	Impaired dogs will often exhibit a glassy stare in addition to rapid breathing and poor coordination.
Watch the breathing	Dogs will pant excessively when trying to cool themselves down. Listen for unusual breathing sounds – rapid, loud, whistling sounds
Watch the dog's response to commands	Sluggishness or confusion following commands point to a mentally and physically stressed dog.

SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE/AN EMERGENCY

- Excessive drooling
- Wobbly gait/drunken stagger
- Collapse
- Seizure
- A core temperature of 105.8°F or higher

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TREATMENT

GENERAL

- Get the dog out of the sun & heat. Pick the dog up and carry it if any signs of an emergency are present.
- **DO NOT GIVE GLUCOSE** to an overheated dog.
- **DO NOT FORCE WATER** into the dog if they are showing signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Offer small sips.

HEAT EXHAUSTION: (The dog's core body temperature is 105.8°F or lower)

- Get the dog into a tub of cool/cold water quickly.
 - o Ice baths (30% ice/70% water) for 1-3 minute intervals can be used.
- Soak the dog's **ears, arm pits, groin, belly** and **nose**. Also get the neck and back wet.
- Spray the dog down and get a fan blowing on it to increase evaporative cooling.
- Stop cooling when the dog's temperature is down to 103.5.
- Let the dog recover in a well ventilated place.
- Give the dog small amounts of cool/cold water frequently.

HEAT STROKE/A DOG IN CRISIS: (The dog's core temperature of 105.8°F and above)

If a veterinarian is on site

- Get the dog off the field ASAP and to the vet.
- The vet will administer cooled IV fluids to the dog.
- Recheck the dog's temperature every 5 minutes (with a rectal thermometer) until it drops to 103.5. Continue to monitor the dog's temperature until it has stabilized

If there is no veterinarian on site

- GET TO THE VET – Time is critical.
- Lay the dog on a cool, wet towel in the car. Bring extras to keep cooling the dog while in route.
- Measure the rectal temperature and note the time.
- Spray the dog down with cool/cold water.
- Get a fan blowing or drive with the windows open to increase evaporative cooling.
- Wipe the feet with rubbing alcohol in route to the emergency room.
- Call the emergency room and let them know you are coming.
- Continue to monitor the dog's temperature every 1-5 minutes. If the dog's temperature drops to 103.5°F stop cooling the dog and dry the dog off to avoid hypothermia.

ICE OR NO ICE

- There is some debate about using ice baths to cool down a dog in crisis. Putting a dog in crisis in ice water can cause secondary complications. However, the longer a dog's temperature stays elevated, the more damage to the internal organs will occur. The take home message is there are no good options so **DO NOT LET IT GET TO THIS POINT.**